



The HappyFace Project

Site Specific Monitoring of Multiple Information Systems

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Monitoring Situation



Getting all required information for a grid site is complicated

- Monitoring information is not clearly arranged, there are...
 - Many sources of valuable information
 - Different information displays provided by different technologies
- Totality of all monitoring systems is uncomfortable to use, you have to...
 - Manage many browser tabs / windows
 - Change the settings of the web interfaces (time range, site, ...)
 - Long waiting time until page opens up, often more than 30 seconds
- Consequences:
 - Unnecessary increase of administration effort for a grid site
 - Difficult to identify correlations
 - Nearly impossible to get quick overview on a site's status for non experts, especially if several services at different sites are involved

Solution: Access to all needed information via one web page



Properties of a Meta Monitoring System



Idea to ease administration: Build up a meta monitoring system

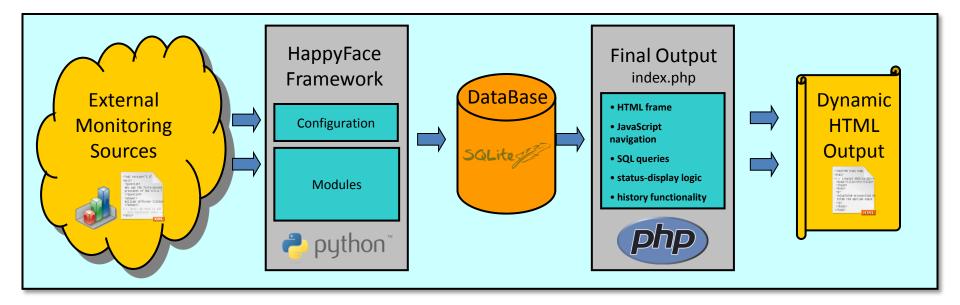
- Such a framework should ...
 - Collect and process all important monitoring information
 - Present the current status of a grid site and its services
 - Display simple rating / warning system (smiley faces, arrows, ...)
- Design properties:
 - Framework has a modular layout: There is a static core that provides the basic functionality for the dedicated tests. The individual tests can be plugged in.
 - Decoupling of collecting the information and the actual visualisation
 - All information is accessible via a single website, including a history
 - Visualisation should provide a smart and quick overview on the monitored service which also allows to identify correlations

The HappyFace Project provides such a smart summary of existing information



The HappyFace Project Architecture





- The HappyFace Core provides all basic functionality needed by all tests and organises the test execution
- Each test is represented by a module, which can be plugged in
- Each module can be activated/arranged in the global configuration
- Core and all modules available on a central subversion repository

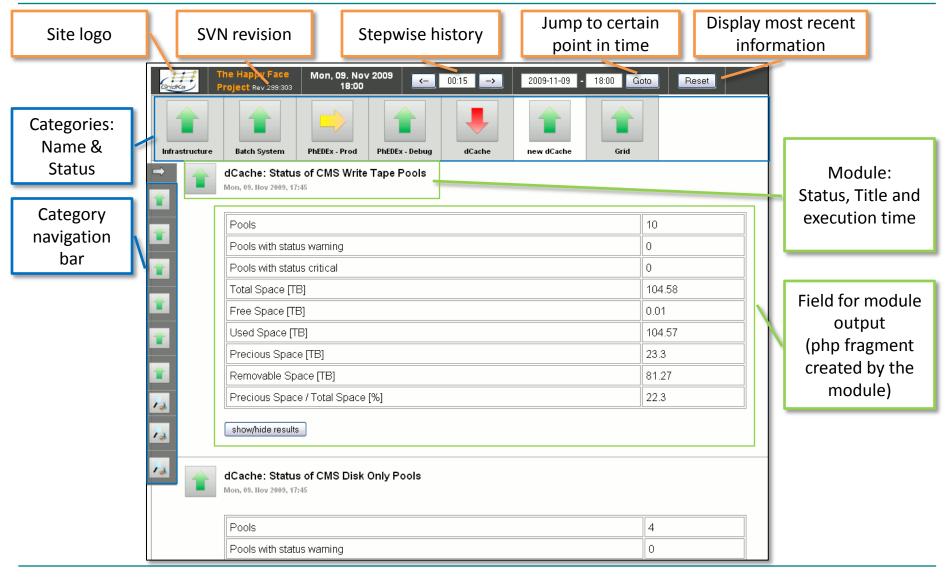
Each module ...

- Can specify files to be downloaded
- Processes the gathered information
- Stores the output in the DataBase
- Provides a php fragment for the final web page Configuration:
- Default configuration (which works out of the box) as .cfg file (in the SVN)
- Can be adapted for local purposes by a .local file



The HappyFace Webpage







A Closer Look at a Module



Click on the arrow to open the grey info box below

Unique name of the module

Is it rated or simply a plot?

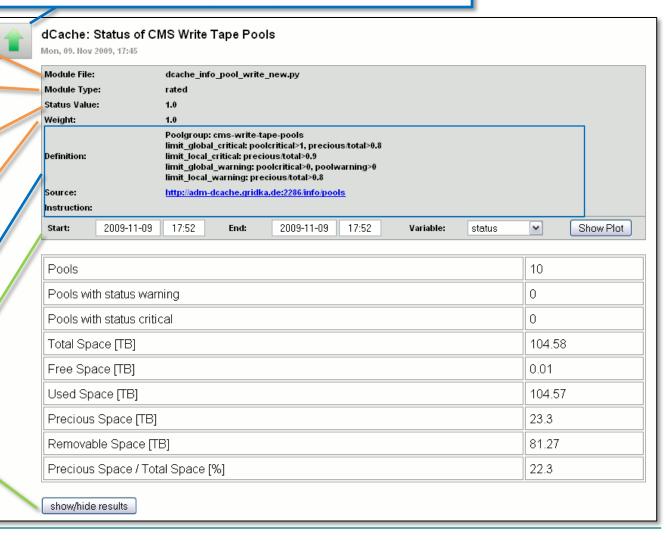
Status of the module: All ok (1.0) or error (0.0)

Weight for the category status calculation

Text fields for detailed module information

Create history plot for a given variable and time range

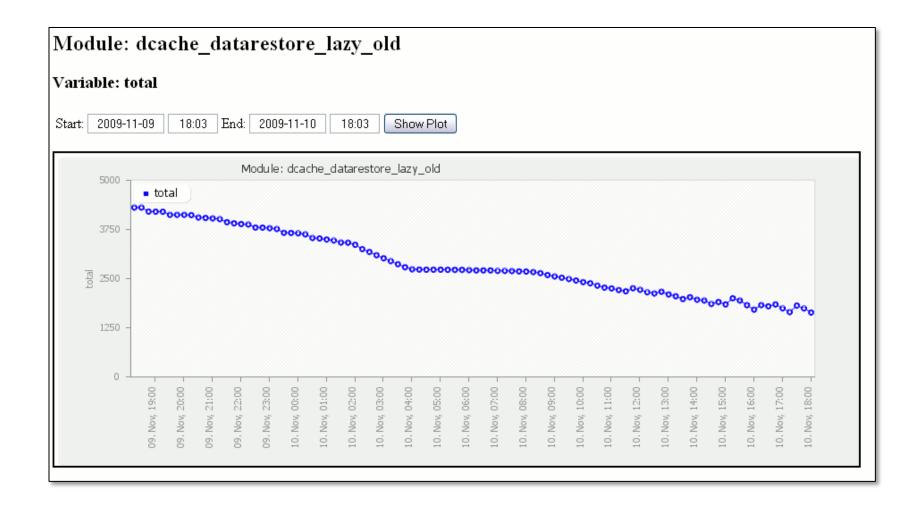
Open a sub frame with additional information (here status information of each pool)





History







Module Architecture



- Each module is represented by a python class.
- All basic functionalities like database access, php output frame, history and other functions, which are needed by every module are provided by a basic class from which all modules inherit.
- Besides the initialisation, each module has two functions:
 - run(): collect the information, fill the database and determine status here
 - output(): define readout of the database and present the information

Configuration:

- All parameters of a module can be defined in a .cfg file. A default configuration is available in the SVN.
- To configure a module for local particularities, the configuration parameters can be adapted via a .local file.

Inheritance:

- If more than one module uses a configuration parameter or a dedicated functionality:
 creation of a new class from which the modules inherit
- Advantage: A whole bunch of modules can be adapted for a new site by only changing a parameter of one class (Example: URL and Site name for SAM information)



HappyFace Code and Instances



Homepage of the HappyFace Project:

https://ekptrac.physik.uni-karlsruhe.de/trac/HappyFace/wiki/Version 2

- System requirements:
 - Only a web server supporting PHP and Python is required! (and subversion for the code ;-))
- Development and maintenance:
 - HappyFace Core
 - Karlsruhe: Volker Büge, Viktor Mauch, Natalia Ratnikova and Armin Scheurer
 - The different modules:
 - Aachen: Philip Sauerland, Oleg Tsigenov https://lemon.physik.rwth-aachen.de/happyface
 - Goettingen: Stefan Birkholz, Joerg Meyer
 http://happyface-goegrid.gwdg.de/
 - Hamburg: Friederike Nowak

http://wwwiexp.desy.de/groups/cms/tier2 monitoring/HappyFaceV2/trunk/webpage/index.php

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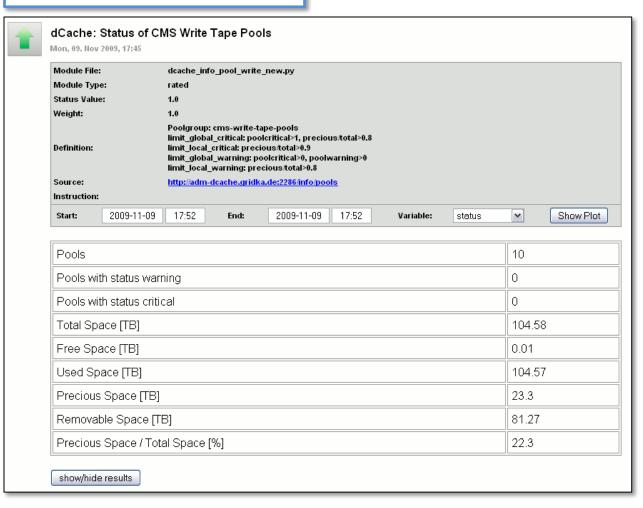
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dCache Pool Group Information

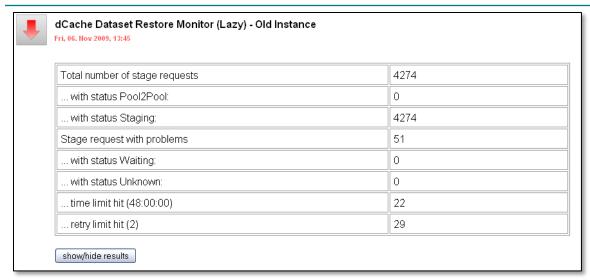


- Processing of the dCache Pool Information, provided by xml
- Select all information for a specified pool group (here cms-write-tape-pools)
- Summary of usage information, including the possibility to define thresholds for the module status
 - Ok, warning, critical
- Sub table with detailed information of each pool



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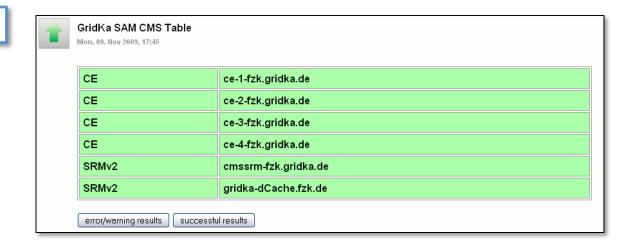


dCache Dataset Restore (Lazy)

- Processing of the dCache Dataset Restore Monitor web page
- Possibility to define thresholds of staging requests with problems
 - Time limit hit
 - · Retry limit hit
 - · Status waiting

SAM Test Results

- Summary of the SAM tests for a site
- Supports experiment specific and ops test
- Sub tables for summary of test results

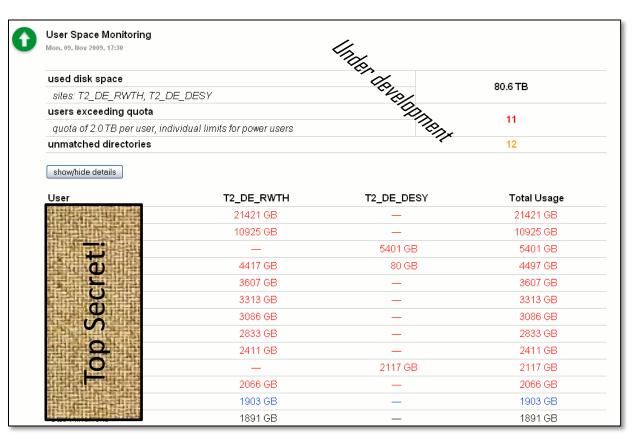




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T2 User Space Monitoring



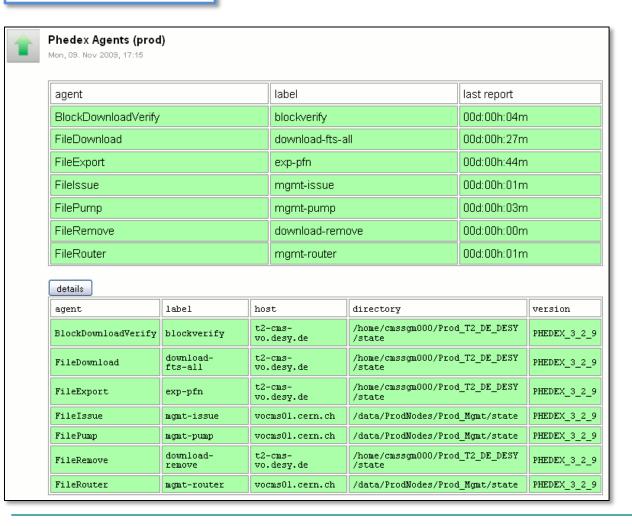
- Information about used disk space per user exported via xml
- The HappyFace module reads in and processes these xml files per site
- Currently, database backend under development. The final version of this module will be released soon.
- Plan: Provide certificate based access to this information



Modules Hamburg I



CMS Phedex Agents

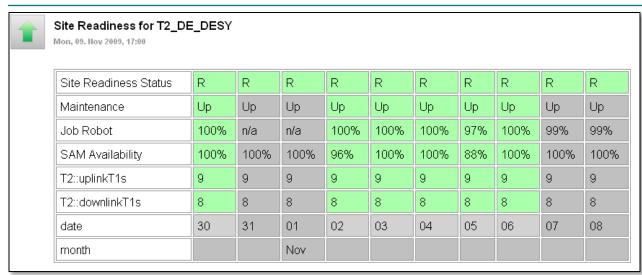


- Parses the XML provided by the PhEDEx server
- An agent not reporting back in a certain time leads to a warning/error status
- Error and warning thresholds are fully configurable
- Can be adapted for a new site by simply changing the site name in the .local file



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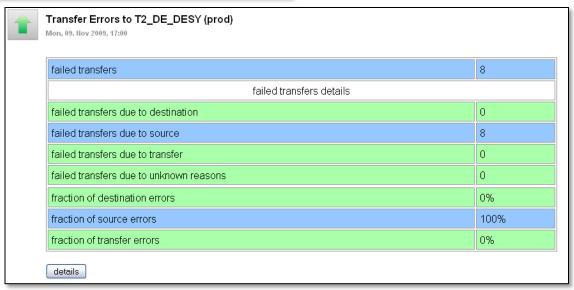


CMS Site Readiness

- HTML web site provides information about the "site readiness" for CMS
- Module parses the HTML and processes the information
- Allows to define warning thresholds

CMS PhEDEx Transfer Errors

- Parses the XML provided by the PhEDEx server
- Module distinguishes between source, destination, transfer and unknown error types
- Detailed information provided as sub table
- Error/warning thresholds are fully configurable





Modules Goettingen I

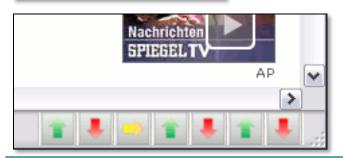


Nagios Interface



- Summarizes warnings and error messages of Nagios monitoring
- Combines advantages of Nagios (lots of modules, including modules from EGEE) and HappyFace (lightweight, clear)
- Communication via ssh

Firefox Status Bar



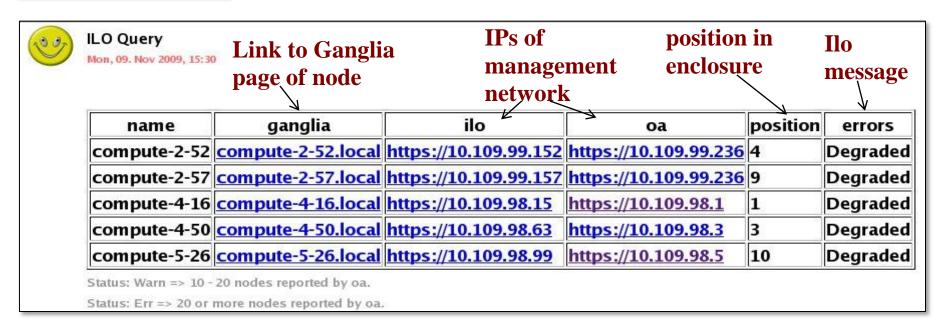
- HappyFace plug-in for Firefox browser available
- Summary of the category status of a site
- Clicking on an arrow gives the status information of the modules of a category



Modules Goettingen II



HP ILO Interface



- Summarizes warnings and error messages of HP Integrated Lights Out (ILO) hardware monitoring
- Communication via ILO-XML-interface

... and this is only a selection of the available modules!



Conclusion & Outlook



The HappyFace framework:

- The HappyFace Project is a meta-monitoring suite, which provides a smart summary of existing monitoring sources
- It enables to link global with local monitoring information and to identify correlations
- It is not an additional monitoring information provider, it only collects and displays existing ones!

Organization:

- The core now exists in a stable release. A large variety of different modules is available for most use cases of WLCG T1 and T2 monitoring
- The development of new modules and features is taking place at all four HappyFace sites: Once a
 functionality is missing, it is simply added by the site which needs it!
- Number of partners is growing: The T1 GridKA will now use HappyFace for parts of their experiment specific monitoring

If you are interested in HappyFace, just have a look at the existing instances or download the package and give it a try.